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REMARKS

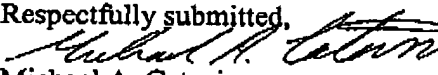
Claim 1 was again rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Long in view of applicant's admission of Prior Art, Kodama, Saito, Parente, Chou and Zebelean.

Claim 1 has been amended to further distinguish the present invention over the prior art. Claim 1 has limited to a striking plate insert that is a heat treated at above 1550°F formed titanium alloy material consisting essentially of titanium, aluminum, tin, chromium, molybdenum, zirconium and silicon, and having a microstructure of at least 40% alpha phase. Further, the golf club head has been limited to a specific dimension, support for which is found at paragraph [0041] of the Specification. New claim 10 is based on amended claim 1, and is more limiting than amended claim 1.

Claims 1 and 10 seek protection for a large volume golf club head with a striking plate insert composed of a specific titanium alloy that is heat treated to provide a striking plate insert that is both strong and resistant to fracture.

It is believed that the claims 1 and 10 are now allowable. The Applicants therefore respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance.

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